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1. Fifteen North Korean divisions are being reactivated and reorganized in Manchuria (exact location unstated).

2. The Korean commanders include the following:

CH'OE Yong-kón, Commanding General of the North Korean army.
KIM Ch'aek*, Political Commissar and former Vice Premier.
KIM Chang-man, Chief of Staff.

3. KIM Chang-man, who was appointed after the death of KANG Kón, was the head of the North Korean Labor Party propaganda headquarters until 1948. He served under KIM Mu-chóng in China during World War II but was relieved of his position because he was in disfavor with some Soviet-born Koreans. He later regained Soviet confidence and was elevated to his present post.

4. Some Chinese and Korean Communists are dissatisfied with the control exercised by Soviet-born and Soviet-trained Communist leaders in Korea and China. The movement against Soviet control is led by General KIM Mu-chóng and is supported largely by former members of the South Korean Labor Party.

Comment. KIM Ch'aek has been reported as the commanding officer of an organized guerrilla unit formed from remnant North Korean forces by-passed in South Korea in the UN September offensive.

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